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to British Guiana and thus failed to attend the meetings of the District Board for three consecutive months and for that reason ceased to hold his membership and the consequent presidentship under section 56 of the Madras Local Boards Act ; if so, whether he has been restored to office as provided under clause 4 of the same section ; and

(b) whether the President of the District Board, Anantapur, has made the oath or affirmation of allegiance to the Crown as prescribed by the Madras Act No. II of 1922 within three months from the commencement of the Act ; if not, whether the Government propose to have his seat declared vacant ?

A.—(a) M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur P. Kesava Pillai Avargal, President, District Board, Anantapur, ceased to be a member and President of that Board by his absence from its meetings for more than three consecutive months. He has since been re-appointed member and President of that Board, as his restoration to office by the District Board under section 56 (4) was not valid.

(b) As M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur Kesava Pillai was re-appointed in December last this question does not arise.

APPENDIX A.

[Vide answer to question No. 734 asked by Mr. K. Sarabha Reddi at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 31st January 1923, page 1418 supra.]

Projects relating to the Ceded Districts which were pending consideration from 1918 onwards.

Kurnool district.

Name of project.	Remarks.
Velgode reservoir and Kurnool-Cuddapah canal improvements.	The estimate is under the consideration of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
Tippayapalaiyam reservoir	Do.
Thokkapalle reservoir	Do.
Duvvaleru anicut	The scheme is being investigated in detail.
Gazuladinna reservoir	The project is kept in abeyance pending the results of the Venkatapuram project.
Gudempad reservoir	Do.
Krishnapuram tank	Do.
Owk reservoir	The question of the supplies available has to be considered after the requirements of the Velgode project and Kurnool-Cuddapah canal extensions are met.

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Kurnool district—cont.

Name of project.	Remarks.
Sangamesvaram ...	The project was abandoned, as it involved the submergence of a considerable area both in the British and in the Nizam's territories and the nature and extent of the country which would be so submerged outweigh any advantage to be gained by the ayacut commanded by the project.

Cuddapah district.

Papaghni reservoir	Gauge readings are being taken to see whether the scheme is worth detailed investigation.
Pullampet reservoir	Gauge readings have been obtained for a sufficient number of years and a decision has yet to be come to as to whether a detailed investigation of the scheme is warranted.

II

ACT ASSENTED TO BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

The hon. the PRESIDENT announced that the Madras City Municipal (Further Amendment) Act, 1922, received the assent of His Excellency the Governor-General on the 20th January 1923.

III

COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL.

With reference to the resolution No. 168 passed at the meeting of the Council held on the 13th December 1921 and G.O. No. 42, Finance, dated 11th January 1922, the SECRETARY laid on the table a statement showing the appointments on Rs. 500 and above per mensem created by the Government from the 16th July 1922 to 30th November 1922.*

IV

A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE MADRAS UNIVERSITY, 1922.

Clause 2—cont.

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“The House will now resume consideration of the Madras University Reorganization Bill.”

Mr. S. ARPUDASWAMI UDAYAR :—“Mr. President, Sir, if you will kindly permit me, and if the House too will, I should like to move in a slightly amended form the amendment moved by the hon. Member, Professor Venkataratnam Nayudu.”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“Has the hon. Member given the required notice with regard to the amendment?”

Mr. S. ARPUDASWAMI UDAYAR :—“I have not given the required notice.”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“Does any hon. Member object on the score of want of notice?”

* Vide Appendix B on page 1480 infra.